passing final orders regarding the tanks and wells for which His Highness the Maharaja has been gracious enough to grant a sum of Rs. 50,000;

(2) will they be pleased to place on the Table a list of the tanks and wells that have been recommended by the Tahsildar of Mukundapuram in his taluk and the probable cost of the same?

**Mr. U. Kandar Menon.**—(1) Orders were issued in the matter on 9th February 1929. The delay that occurred was due to interim correspondence.

(2) A list is placed on the Council Table.

**Panchayat allotments for the current year.**

584. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the approximate amount that may be lapsed in the several items sanctioned for all the Panchayats together in the State in the current year, owing to several reasons;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state whether the Superintendent has power to transfer the allotment sanctioned in the budget for a particular item to any other item if he thinks that the sanctioned item cannot be taken up and amount utilised for the same;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state whether they are now taking any step to improve the general administration of Panchayats in the near future?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—(1) The information cannot be furnished now.

(2) No.

(3) Government are considering the matter

**Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—May I know how long this consideration has been going on by the Government?

**President.**—After putting the question, you have to sit.

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—Government are unable to say from what particular date that matter was under consideration.

**Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—May I know which are the chief items that have been brought to the notice of the Government, at least a few items?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—I want notice.

**Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—May I know whether the reduction in the tax qualification of the Panchayatdar has been considered by the Government?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—It is being considered.

**Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—May I know whether the appointment of a full-time officer for the Panchayat Department has been considered?

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**President.**—That is a point raised by the Special Finance Committee and it is being considered by the Government

**Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Have any final orders been passed?

**President.**—These things are not taken up separately.

**Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Only along with the orders on the Special Finance Committee report?

**President.**—Yes.

## Mala Registry Office.

**585. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a petition from people in the jurisdiction of the Mala Registry Office complaining that the office is in the northernmost end of the jurisdiction and, therefore, there exists great inconvenience to the majority of people and that the office should be shifted to some place more south;

(b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state whether they have taken any step in the matter and what is their final decision in the matter?

**Mr. U. Kandar Menon.**—(a) There was a petition for shifting the Registry Office to a more central place.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

**Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—May I know whether any final orders have been passed after putting this answer?

**Mr. U. Kandar Menon.**—Orders have been passed asking the Chief Engineer to submit a report and to prepare an estimate for the work.

**President.**—The site has been approved by the Registrar, but there is the objection of the Nambudiri that he has spent a lot of money on this building and that it should not be taken. All that we have to consider.

**Mr. U. Kandar Menon.**—"The attention of the Chief Engineer is drawn to the request for locating the Registry Office in Survey No. 616 of Vadama in consultation with the Superintendent of Registration. The amount necessary for the work may be provided for in the budget of 1105". That is the order passed on 25th February 1929; but final orders have not been passed.

## Jail Committee.

**586. Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) did the Jail Committee submit a unanimous report; if so, when was the report submitted; what action was taken by the Government with regard to the recommendations contained in the report;

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